

Ladies' Column.

Acceptances and Regrets.

One of the most reasonable rules of etiquette is that which requires prompt replies to invitations. The reason why an invitation to dine or to an open-air should be answered as soon as received is so evident that it will not admit of questioning; but many who are punctilious in these particulars are remiss in sending promptly their acceptances or regrets for parties and balls. Most of those who neglect this duty do so from thoughtlessness or carelessness, but there are some who have the idea that it increases their importance to delay their reply, or that promptness gives evidence of eagerness to accept or refuse. Others, again, are prevented from paying their direct attention to an invitation which politeness requires by the inconvenience of sending a special messenger with their notes. Where any doubt exists in reference to the ability of the person invited to be present at a social gathering, an acceptance should be sent at once; and if afterwards regret is felt, it should be accompanied by a statement of the cause. A few words, such as "I am sorry that I cannot accept Mrs. Sydney's invitation for Tuesday evening," is all that is necessary. All answers to invitations given in the name of the gentleman and lady of the house are generally acknowledged to both in the answer, and the envelope addressed to the lady alone. Some persons are in the habit of sending acceptances to invitations for balls even when they know that they are not going; but this is very unfair to the hostess, not only because she orders her supper for all who accept, but because she may wish to invite others in their place if she knows in time they are not to be present. No house is so large but it has a limit to the number of people that can be comfortably entertained; and some ladies are compelled by the length of their visiting list to give two or three entertainments in order to include all whom they wish to invite. When the invitations are sent out ten days in advance, if answered within three days, the hostess is enabled to select from her other lists such of her friends as she would like to pay the compliment of inviting twice, in case the number of regrets she receives will permit her to do so; but delaying the answers or accepting with no intention of going, puts it out of her power to send other invitations in the place of those which have been thus treated.—*Home Journal.*

Propagating Geraniums.

A correspondent of the *Rural Home* gives this method of propagating geraniums: "In starting cuttings, I get a box say 4 or 5 inches deep and 2 feet by 18 inches in size. I then fill the box with light garden soil, coarse sawdust, and coarse sand, well mixed together. Now I take a sharp knife and cut off limbs nearly as large as my little finger. I then make a hole in the dirt, and put in the cutting 2 or 3 inches deep, pressing the dirt firmly about the base and putting them 3 to 4 inches apart, until the box is full; then water freely one time, keeping the box in the shade. They should be watered when the top of the box seems to be getting dry. A wet soil is totally unfit for geranium growing. A plant standing in water 24 hours is ruined. The plant, therefore, will generally be the healthiest which wants water oftenest. How often to water them will be according to how easy the water passes away. If when you pour water on them it disappears almost instantly, it would be better to water such plants every day. Scarcely a single cutting will fail to root, and soon become a large, flowering plant, if treated in this way.

We have heard of a little three-year-old girl who did not want to kiss the family good night, but was commanded to do it. She went through the performance conscientiously, but as she kissed the last one she heaved a sigh of relief and cried "Auieu." It would seem to be self-evident that forcing children to give what is commonly regarded as a token of affection is not only foolish, but harmful. It takes away the simple beauty and value of such acts when they are spontaneous. We have seen children who were expected, even when quite a number of mere acquaintances were present in the parlor, to go around and kiss every one goodnight when their bed-time came. It certainly could not have been a pleasant task. Children should be taught to be polite on all occasions, and may well be encouraged to be free and natural in demonstrations of affection, but why should they, more than grown people, be required to give special tokens of love on all occasions, and to everybody?

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